



Attorney Docket No. : PAT-1540

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Nita et al.  
Title: Device and method for supporting placement of a therapeutic device in a blood vessel  
Appl. No.: 10/730,421  
Filing Date: 12/8/2003  
Examiner: Vrettakos  
Art Unit: 3739

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

- ☐ Consider the amendment/(s) reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

b. Enclosed:

- ☒ Amendment Accompanying Request for Continued Examination.
- ☐ Affidavit(s) / Declaration(s).
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Other:

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2. Miscellaneous:

- ☐ Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed.
- ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.

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3. The filing fee is calculated below (RCE fee required):

	<u>Claims As Amended</u>	<u>Previously Paid For</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Rate</u>		<u>Fee Totals</u>
RCE Fee 1.17(e)				X \$790	=	\$790
Total Claims:	11	20	0	X \$50	=	
Independents:	1	3	0	X \$200	=	
Statutory Disclaimer fee				X \$130	=	\$
Extension of Time fee				X \$120	=	\$
SUBTOTAL:					=	\$790
[ X ] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):					=	\$395
TOTAL FILING FEE:					=	\$395

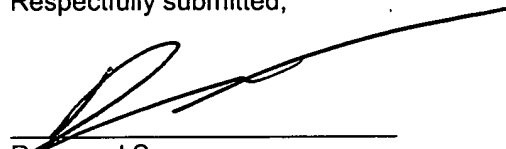
A check in the amount of \$395 for filing fee is enclosed.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date:

12-4-06

  
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